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Minutes

OF THE

109th

Annual Session

OF THE

Roaring River

Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Mulberry Church

FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY,

SEPTEMBER 24, 25, 26,

1955

Next session appointed to be held with the Church at Meadow Fork, Laurel Springs, N. C., beginning at 10:00 o'clock Friday morning, before the fourth Sunday in September, 1956.

Officers

ELDER C. D. HALL - Moderator, McGrady North Carolina

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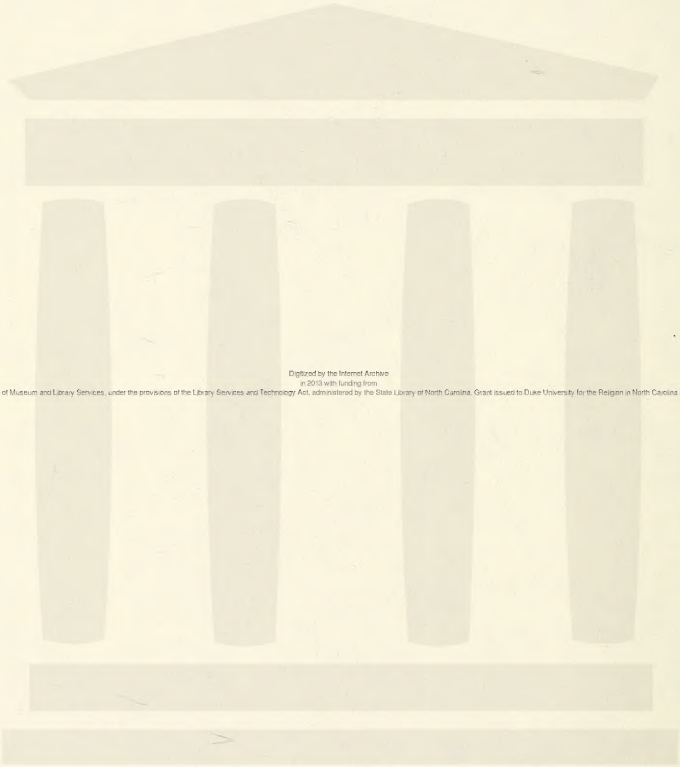

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Proceedings

OF THE ROARING RIVER ASSOCIATION

FRIDAY, September 24, 1955.

1. The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Song and prayer by Elder H. M. Blevins. The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder C. D. Hall, text Luke 9:35.

2. Association called to order by praise and prayer by Elder George Berrier.

3. Read and received letters from Reddies River, Woodruff, Double Creek, Mulberry, Cross Roads, and Meadow Fork.

4. On motion, we elect Moderator and Clerk by move and second.

5. Organized the Association by electing Elder C. D. Hall, Moderator, and Elder A. T. Whittington, Clerk.

6. Called for petitionary letters. None came forward.

7. On motion, we omit reading of the Constitution, Rules of Decorum, and Articles of Faith.

8. Called for correspondents who were to go to sister Associations to report. They reported and those that failed to go were excused.

9. Moved and seconded the brothers that went to Abbott's Creek Association to report. They reported peace and love.

10. Moved and second we rescind the act in which we suspended Abbott's Creek last year.

11. On motion, the Moderator made all temporary appointments for this Association.

12. Called for correspondents. The following came forward and were received:

Abbott's Creek: Elder D. P. Broadway and C. B. Owens.

Fisher's River: Elder George Berrier and Elder Coy Sykes.

Mountain: Elder Charlie Kilby, J. R. Crouse, and Cleave Gambill.

St. Clair's Bottom: Elder H. M. Blevins, Hughie Blevins, Jr., and Elder H. T. Heath.

Senter: R. L. Speaks, and Elder P. T. McNeil.

Washington: Elder J. T. Mabe, Hall Hankins, and Elder M. C. Miller.

13. Called for visiting brethren and sisters. The following came forward and were received:

St. Clair's Bottom: R. C. Price and wife, H. T. Heath, Bro. H. O. Compton and wife, S. O. Saunders, Faye Collins and Nellie Davidson.

Fisher's River: Mrs. George Berrier, R. L. Nelson, O. W. Sisk, Sister Walker, Ettie Demerou, L. C. Loam.

Abbott's Creek: Mrs. Eula Bringar, Naomi Walker, Mrs. D. P. Broadway, Sister Dela Weaver, Meade Compton, and Sister Bost.

Senter: Deacon F. G. Weaver and wife, and G. E. Kilby.

Mountain: Lon M. Reeves, and wife, Cleave Gambill, Sister Lela Crouse, W. H. Collins, Cecil Reavis, Mrs. Charlie Kilby.

Washington: Mrs. R. J. Hankins.

14. Moved and second, we seat the Indian Creek Association.

15. Moved and seconded that we seat the Owl Creek Harmony brother and sister. Elder Clarence Boyd and wife came forward.

16. On motion we extend the right hand of fellowship to correspondents, and visitors, and seat them.

17. Called for volunteers to go to sister Associations. The following responded:

Fisher's River: W. C. Hall, John Choat, Troy Miller, and Wert Walker.

Abbott's Creek: A. T. Whittington, W. C. Hall, J. F. Coffey.

Mountain: Brother Estep, John Choate, and Fosco Pruitt.

Senter: Brother Fosco Pruitt, Brother Carl Francis, and Brother Troy Miller.

St. Clair's Bottom: W. C. Hall, Elder Callie Anderson, and Carl Francis.

Washington: W. C. Hall and J. F. Coffey.

18. Appointed a Committee on Preaching composed of one member from each church: Margie Truitt, Fosco Pruitt, W. C. Hall, Carl Francis, and Brother Estep.

19. Finance Committee: Nettie Brown, Sister Billings, and John Choate.

20. Appointed Committee on Arrangements: Brother Anderson, J. F. Coffey, Troy Miller, and Brother Walker.

21. Called on Committee on Preaching who reported for Saturday morning.

22. On motion we read the Minutes.

23. On motion we adjourn until 9:30 tomorrow. Prayer by A. T. Whittington.

SATURDAY MORNING, September 25, 1955.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of yesterday. Called to order by praise and prayer by Elder Ed Douglas.

1. On motion called on Committee on Arrangements to report. Report received and Committee discharged.

2. Called the roll and marked those absent.

3. Called on Finance Committee to report. They reported as follows:

Received from the churches		$127.30
Left over from last year		15.00
Total		$142.30
Allowed the Moderator	$10.00	
Allowed the Clerk	10.00	
Allowed visiting Elders	15.80	
Left in hands of treasurer	50.00	
Saw Bill	56.50	
Total	$142.30	$142.30

4. Called for correspondents who were not here yesterday. The following came forward and were received:

Abbott's Creek: Elder Gurney Nance, Elder L. G. Cashion, and L. R. Mabe.

Fisher's River: Elder W. C. Hawks.

Mountain: M. A. Jenkins and C. D. Murry.

Senter: Ed Barker, and Elder Ed Severt.

St. Clair's Bottom: Elder C. R. Dancey.

Washington: Elder Raleigh Compton.

5. Called for visiting brethren and sisters who were not here yesterday:

Abbott's Creek: Brother J. A. Nance and wife and Sister L. G. Cashion.

Fisher's River: Elders Matt Edwards and F. P. Stone.

Mountain: Guy Waddell and wife, J. C. Sparks, A. C. Choate and wife, Sister Duncan, Sister Lula Williams, Elder Ed Douglas, Rosco Richardson, Jack Reaves and wife.

Senter: H. M. Bare, Sister Crockham, Tom Severt, and Mrs. Ed Barker.

Washington: B. H. Ray.

Indian Creek: J. W. Creed and wife, Elder C. B. Taylor, Luther Easter and wife, Posey Byers, Lester Barker and wife.

6. On motion we extend the right hand of fellowship to correspondents and visitors and seat them.

7. On motion we receive the reports of the Preaching and Finance Committees and dismiss them.

8. On motion we have the obituary of Brother A. F. Whittington printed in these Minutes.

9. On motion we stand by the ancient landmarks set up by Christ and the apostles, and the old Articles of Faith of the Roaring River Association, as carried in our Minutes.

10. On motion, we appoint A. T. Whittington as treasurer and to supervise the printing of these Minutes, having 500 copies printed and distributed as usual.

11. On motion we have the Constitution and Rules of Decorum printed in these Minutes.

12. On motion the next Association be held with the church at Meadow Fork.

13. On motion the Clerk reported and read the Minutes.

14. Resolved that we return thanks first to God for His mercies and thank our brethren and sisters and friends for so lovingly and tenderly caring for us in this session.

15. On motion we adjourned with prayer by Elder C. D. Hall.

ELDER C. D. HALL, Moderator,
ELDER A. T. WHITTINGTON, Clerk.

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday

Elder Charlie Kilby, Heb. 10:1-3.
Elder C. T. Mabe, failed to get text.
Elder Clarence Boyd, failed to get text.

Friday Night at Mulberry Church:

Elder Heath, no special text.
Elder Sykes, John 1: 1.

Saturday Morning:

Elder M. C. Miller, John 17:2.
Elder D. P. Broadway, failed to get text.
Elder George Berrier, failed to get text.

Saturday Evening:

Elder F. P. Stone, failed to get text.
Elder W. C. Hawks, failed to get text.
Elder H. M. Blevins, failed to get text.

Saturday Night at Cross Roads Church:

Elder C. D. Taylor, no special text.
Elder T. E. Nance, John 3:2-4.

Sunday:

Elder Raleigh Compton, God will wipe away all tears.
Elder Ed Douglas, failed to get text.
Elder G. Cashion, failed to get text.
Elder C. K. Dancy, failed to get text.
Elder Ed Severt, no special text.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

Elder C. D. Hall, Halls Mills, N. C.
Elder A. T. Whittington, North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Elder Kellie Anderson, Cherry Lane, N. C.
Brother Wert Walker.

CHURCHES, NUMBER OF MINUTES, AND PASTORS

Meadow Fork—50. A. T. Whittington.
Double Creek—15. Elders C. D. Hall and A. T. Whittington.
Mulberry—50. Elders C. D. Hall and A. T. Whittington.
Woodruff—40. Elder C. D. Hall, Walter Evans.
Reddies River—30. Elder C. D. Hall, and A. T. Whittington.
Cross Roads—40. Elders C. D. Hall and A. T. Whittington.

OBITUARY

Andrew Frank Whittington was born on May 22, 1883 and departed from this life October 3, 1954. He was married to Mary P. Whittington in 1910. To this union was born one child, Mrs. Lester Yates of Wilbar. He received a hope in Christ and joined the church at Reddies River in 1945, and remained a faithful member as long as his health permitted.

Written by Mrs. W. E. Hester.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Abbott's Creek—T. R. Freeman, Steeds, N. C.	15
Fisher's River—O. W. Sisk, King, N. C.	30
Senter—W. A. Miller, Clifton, N. C.	15
Mountain—Elder C. B. Kilby, Sparta, N. C.	30
St. Clair's Bottom—Elder C. N. Tilson, Chilhowie, Va.	15
Washington—Harmon Kiser, Cleveland, Va.	30
Upper Mayo—J. W. Moorefield, Star Rt. Walnut Cove, N. C.	30
Indian Creek—J. R. Lilly, Box [illegible], Hinton W. Va.	30
Union—Elder J. M. Holbrook, Shelby Gap, Ky.	10
Mates Creek—Stearl Hatfield, McCarr, Ky.	20

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF CHURCH CLERKS

Cross Roads: Nettie Brown, North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Reddies River: Mrs. W. E. Hester, Reddies River, N. C.
Mulberry: Nora Hall, Halls Mills, N. C.
Meadow Fork: Fosco Pruitt, Laurel Springs, N. C.
Woodruff: J. T. Choate, Glade Valley, N. C.
Double Creek: Margie Pruitt, Abshers, N. C.

CONSTITUTION OF ROARING RIVER ASSOCIATION

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, and duly sent to represent them in the Association, who shall be members they judge best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to a seat.

2. In the letters from the different churches requested to be expressed their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated, or dead since our last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any church in this union.

4. The Association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

6. Churches may be admitted into this union who shall petition by letter and delegates, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association and manifested by the Moderator giving the delgates the right hand of fellowship.

7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation.

8. Every query presented by any member in the Association shall be once read, and before debated the Moderator shall put it to vote, and if there be majority for it being debated, it shall be taken into consideration, deliberated upon, if not, it shall be withdrawn.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with Minutes of the Association; the best method of effecting that purpose shall be at the discretion of future Associations.

11. We think it necessary that we should have an Association Fund, for defraying the expenses of the same, for raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of each church in the union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they may think proper, and send by their delegates to the Association, and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by the Association shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer by the Association, who shall be accountable to the Association for all monies by him received and paid out according to the direction of the Association.

12. There shall be an Association book kept wherein the proceedings of every Association shall be regularly recorded by a secretary appointed by the Association, who shall receive compensation yearly for his trouble.

13. The Minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if

needs be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.
3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.
4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by anyone, except the Moderator, until he is done speaking.
5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failings or imperfections, but shall state the matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or ideas.
6. No person shall abruptly break off, or absent himself from the Association without liberty from the Association.
7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without permission of the Association.
8. No member of the Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of public speech.
9. No member shall address another in any other appellation but "brother" during the sitting of the Association.
10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in, or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except he break the Rules of this Decorum.
11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.
12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege as another member, provided the chair be filled, and he shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.
13. That any member who shall wittingly and willingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they shall think proper.
14. Amendment to this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union when they deem it necessary.
15. The Association shall have power: 1. To provide for the general union of the churches; 2. To endeavor to preserve inviolable a chain of communication amongst the churches; 3. To give the churches necessary advice in matters of difficulty; 4. To inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent in the Association; 5. To appropriate the monies by the churches contributed for an Association Fund, to any purpose they may think proper; 6. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any churches in this union which shall violate the Rules of this Association, or depart from the orthodox principles of religion; 7. To admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry as assistants, who may be present at the time of their sitting, when they shall judge necessary; 8. The Association shall have power to adjourn themselves to any future time and place they think most convenient to the churches in the union.

Received by the Association.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	NAMES OF CHURCH MESSENGERS	Communion mon.	Sat. of Meeting	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Tot. Membership	Contributions
Meadow Fork	Fosco Pruitt, and Troy Miller	Aug.	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	26	$20.00
Cross Roads	Sister Nettie Brown and Carl Francis	July	4	..	..	..	..	1	..	6	26.00
Mulberry	Deacons J. F. Coffey, and W. C. Hall, and C. D. Hall	Aug.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	28.00
Double Creek	Mrs. Margie Truitt, Mrs. Dan Shumate and Wort Walker	July	3	..	..	2	1	..	..	4	7.50
Reddies River	Bro. Gaither Vannoy, Sisters C. R. and Dora Whittington,	June	4	1	..	1	..	..	1	18	30.80
Woodruff	J. T. Choate, Elder Kellie Anderson, and Brother Cester ..	July	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	18	15.00
	Totals		..	4	..	3	1	1	1	87	127.30